GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Heavy Congestion of Vehicles
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any measures to reduce congestion of the highways, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government have recently issued any directions/guidelines to State Governments/UTs to take initiative to reduce the congestion on roads;

(c) if so, the details and the reactions received from the State Governments/UTs; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Apart from this, the Ministry has also taken up some special programmes, such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads, Special Programme for development of Roads in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas, etc. The development and maintenance of NHs, including capacity augmentation of existing NHS, is taken up as per availability of funds, inter-se priorities and traffic densities. The Ministry has, also, taken up various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) for development and capacity augmentation of identified stretches of NHs; the Phase-VII of NHDP is intended at Construction of ring roads, flyovers and bypasses on selected stretches in cities/towns primarily for reducing congestion of traffic.

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